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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re the application of:	)	<b>Confirmation No. 1751</b>
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<b>Hiroaki SAEKI, et al.</b>	)	Examiner: Bratlie, S.
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App. No.: 10/019,227	)	Group Art Unit: 3652
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Filed: April 17, 2002	)	

For: ATTACHING AND REMOVING UNIT OF LID FOR WAFER CARRIER

**AMENDMENT SUBMITTED WITH RCE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

A response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004 was due by July 27, 2004. A Response to Final Office Action (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116) was filed on July 27, 2004. In response, an Advisory Action dated August 16, 2004 was issued indicating that the July 27, 2004 Response would be entered, but did not place the application in condition for allowance. Hence, Applicants file this Amendment along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The RCE Request formally seeks entry of July 27, 2004 Response along with this present Amendment. A Petition for Extension of Time (three months, large entity) also is enclosed, extending the response due date to October 27, 2004. Please accept this Amendment and RCE as timely filed and fully responsive.

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004 and Advisory Action dated August 16, 2004, kindly amend the above-identified patent application as follows.